## CITY ITEMS.

PUBLIC HEALTH .- The following is the Weekly Report of Deaths in the City and County of New-York for the Forty Ninth week of 1850-from the 30th of November to the 7th of December:

Men, 53; Women, 61; Boys, 113, Girls, 70-Total, 302. DISEASES. DISEASES. Apoplexy... Asthma... Atrophia... Eleeding... frm Lu Measles Old Age.... Paisy. Poson Premature Birth Casualties .

The above figures show a decrease of 14 from the previous week. It will be noted that the number of denths of children under 10 years was, last week, 165, week before, 174; being a decrease of 9.

Forty-ciplib Week

Apoplexy. 9 Apoplexy
Consumption 31 Consemption
Conviliation 32 Convenience
Croup. 12 Croup
Burthea 2 Diagration
Dropsy in the Head 13 Dropsy in the Head
Dyamicry. 15 Oyamicry
Inflammation of Lungs 21 Inflammation of Lungs
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The chief diseases for two weeks compare thus

The per centage, seconding to age, for the two weeks, has been :

The following is the classification of children

The deaths in the corresponding week for six

vears were as follows:

-In Brooklyn, for the Forty-ninth Week the deaths were 34; Adults, 18; Children, 16; Males,

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THE FATE OF THE PASSENGERS OF THE HE LENA SLOMAN .- Our German Reporter visited yesterday the different boarding-houses where the unfortunate passengers of the Helena Sloman are lodged. It was a sad spectacle that was offered to his eyes. The female passengers are suffering the most. They are entirely destitute, and in consequence of the cold cannot even leave their houses, having scarcely anything to protect them against the weather. At the "Deutsche Heim, ath," Mrs. Skiefer Proprietor, No. 124 Greenwich. st. are about 30 persons. Mrs. Nelson of Meklenburgh, a respectable lady with five children, of which two daughters, one of 17 and the other of 18 years, are very well educated, has lost berhusband and has not even a change of linen for he youngest child. Christoph Lindeman, with a wife and two children, lives at 76 Greenwich st. has lest his all, and so we could enumerate more than lifty persons, some of whom hardly know where to find shelter or bread. The "German Society, at 81 Greenwich st. has resolved to support the sufferers according to their means. Some have been sent, through its direction, to the country and the Society is glad to acknowledge that they have met with the sympathies of the different railroad and steamboat companies. The Society also received a donation of clothing from an anonymous friend, which was very appropriate t occasion. They have appropriated some funds for the purchase of woolen petticoats, and shoes and stockings, and are ready to receive any further donations in clothing or money for disbursement among the sufferers. The agent, Mr. Degreck, and his assistant, Mr. Chebalt, have personally visited several of them and looked to their interests. At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a meeting was held at the Shakspere Hotel for the same purpose, and a Committee elected to protect the rights of the passengers against the proprietor of the vessel. Mr. Sloman of Hamburg, who, according to the law of that city, is bound to insure the amount of the passage and \$20 above such amount

MILITARY ELECTION .- An election for the office of Brigadier General of the First Brigade New-York State Militia, vacant by the resigna tion of Gen. Henry Storms, was held at the Merter House yesterday afternoon. Major-Genera Senford, of the First Division, Col. Washington Postly, of the Third, and Col. Charles B. Spicer, of the Second Regiments, were the candidates .-The Polls were opened at 4, P. M. and closed at bo'clock, P. M. when Gen. Sanford declared the majority of votes in favor of Col. Spicer-two ma prity, we believe,)-who, in answer to the question put to him, accepted the office, whereupon he was declared the Brigadier-General elect of the First Brigade. Brigadier-General Storms con gratulated Col. Spicer upon his election, when three times three cheers were given for General Storms by the officers of the Brigade, who had been so long under his command. A collation was ordered by Col. Spicer, at which the toasts and speeches were applicable and to the point. The best of feelings were exhibited by all, and Col. Postley won new honors by the graceful manner in which he acknowledged his defeat. Major Bo. gart, Col. Morris, Capt. A. C. Castle, and nume. rous of our distinguished military men, exhibited a lively interest in the election.

in case of accident. We shall be glad to report

generous relief from our citizens

THE CORONER - The rapid increase of our City seems to render its division into three or four districts, with a Coroner for each, a matter of propriety. The business of that office can hardly be taken care of by one man. The bill for threequarters of this year is 88,433, indicating an amount of business sufficient to employ three per-

We notice that Henry P. McGown, Foreman Engine Co. 49, and John Gillilan, Foreman Engine Co. 35, have been named as candidates for Assistant Engineer of the Harlem District.

INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS .- The regular weekly meeting of Delegates from the different Trades to this body will be held this evening.

SENATORS FOOTE AND DOWNS IN THE EMBRACE OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE. -Shortly after 1 o'clock P.M. yesterday, the Governor's Room was filled with spectators curious to see the Senators from Louisiana and Mississippi, especially the latter, and hear the progress of the "Union" movement at the South.

OGDEN HOFFMAN, Esq. addressed the Senators in behalf of the Committee of Safety, recapitalating the results of the "Union" movement at the North and heartily congratulating the guests of the Committee and extending to them a cordisl welcome to New-York.

Gen. HENRY S. FOOTE was then called for, and in a succinct and animated manner depicted the feeling in Mississippi, wherever he had been, and gave authentic information from such portions of the State as he had not visited. The people were unanimous for the Union, although the Legislature and officials were now generally for secession. whole South, the North, the East and the West. He was rejoiced also to learn that the Northern leaders were about to cease agitation and give the peace measures a chance to operate. He had sacrificed all his party predilections in the Senate and had united with men from every section to secure the adoption of the late Compromise, and trusted the results of their labor would be re-ceived by the people with the same spirit of con-cession. He complimented the "Union Trinity," Clay, Cass and Webster, for their services on the Committee of Thirteen. When it was told to Gen. Cass that the prospects of the Committee would finally lead to the election of Henry Clay to the Presidency, Gen. C. with great good feeling was perfectly enraptured, expressing his perfeet willingness to support such a nomination for the success of the "Union" party. The narrative of Gen. Foote was listened to throughout with the utmost attention and he was frequently applauded

Senator Solomon W. Downs of Louisiana,

next addressed the audience, stating that he

owne from a "Union" State, which was but

slightly tinctured with disunion. To be sure

there was some opposition to the measures o peace presented by the Compromise Committee of which he had been a member, but not to the extent which had been displayed in other quarters. He complimented Senator Foote, and also Webster and Cass, but studiously excluded Henry Clay, whose name brought down thunders of applause, during the remarks of Senator Foote This caused some uneasiness in the audience. Mr. Downs referred to the great men on that Committee-" Cass, Webster and [here "Clay" stuck in his throat, like Macbeth's "amen," and be at last answered out] your own Senator, Dickinson." The attack made by Senator Downs upon the memory of Louisiana's and the nation's favorite, Gen. Taylor, when he said that the Union would never have been saved had it not been by a dispensation of Providence in a change of Ad ministration, produced loud murmurings, notwith standing Gen. Downs disclaimed all partisanship in his remarks. He had no doubt in the world that civil war would have been produced had not the Texan Boundary Bill passed. Thousands of gallant Southrons, he said would have joined Texas, South Carolina, Mississippi, &c. in asserting the claims of Texas. He said this in all sin cerity. He said the Union Meeting at Castle Garden had produced a great excitement South, and stimulated the people to espouse the cause of the Union. He regretted that the proceedings of this and similar meetings at the North were not more generally circulated at the South. In the South but one side of the story was given by the press, and thus scarcely one out of ten knew the real state of feeling which he had now wit nessed, and of the sentiment which pervaded the North From the inuendoes Gen. D. threw out, he was evidently disheartened at the cruel treatment which had befallen his "patriotic" friend. D. S. Dickinson, and Senator Downs expressed some fears that there was a home influence work ing against himself. He wound up by ridiculing the fears expressed by some Democrats, that the objects of all these demonstrations were to make Henry Clay President, and in conclusion, in a low and portentous voice, he told the people of the North what they might expect by persisting in their unhallowed demands for a repeal of the Fugitive Slave law, or by thrusting the Wilmot Proviso (which he trusted was dead) in the face of his fellow-Slaveholders. Here the audience could barely understand, he spoke in so low a tone, and several impatiently exclaimed, "Louder! Loud er!" which produced no effect. He shortly afterward concluded his remarks amid murmurings, applause, some hissings. Cheers were then given for a great number of the "friends of the country, Foote, Webster, Downs, Cobb. and Mississippi and Louisiana, Sam. Houston, Cass and Isaac P

Walker, and groans for Wm. H. Seward. Senators Foote and Downs were then congrafulated by a large number of persons who remained behind to shake their hands.

These public receptions by the Committee of Safety will save much money to the Corporation, and will be found an excellent substitute for the somewhat expensive receptions so frequently given to "distinguished" personages by our worthy Common Council in times past.

PREDICTIONS .- Lest the Cotton Press should squeeze out of its report and thus cheat the world of an important prediction by Senator Downs, we put the same on record. "Just so sure as you of the North attempt to thrust the Wilmot Proviso upon the South, so sure as you repeal the Fugiive Slave Law, so sure as you abolish Slavery n the District of Columbia, there will be Disunion, and civil war will rage in the streets of your me tropolis.

Mission to England.-We understand that an extensive "operator" in Lottery Tickets and Policies, well known among the 'sporting men' of this City, sailed yesterday for London. He goes out for the purpose of establishing in Great Britain the Lottery business, and bears letters of introduction to the habitues of Crockford's, by means of which he will get the ear of the most distinguished gamblers: then, by a secret plan of operations, it is supposed that he will introduce the sale of the Lottery tickets of Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Companies-the decision to be subject to the drawings made in those States. It is unnecessary to say that all this will be done sub rosa; Parliament put an end to legal Lottery gambling many years ago. In this country, tweneight of the thirty one States have outlawed the business, and it is probable that in the course of the Winter one or more of the three benighted Legislatures will do the same thing. If they could be brought to appreciate the immense injury that their Lotteries inflict upon men in this City alone, they would wind them up forthwith. We commend the new Missionary to London to the attention of the authorities.

REAL ESTATE .- The following sales were made at auction :

at auction: By J. M. Miller... Dec 3.House and lot cor. Avenue B and 12th-st 20x60...\$4,250 By J. H. Muller... Dec 7.House and lot N side 18th-st 22.11x103.31...3200
W side 9th-sv. 20x100...3,850
adjoining, 20x100...3,850
20x100...3,750

DEATH BY APOPLEXY .- An inquest was held yesterday at No. 58 Cherry-st. upon the body of a sailor named Geo. W. Butler, a native of Balti-more, 30 years of age, who died yesterday morning of apoplexy. Deceased retired on the pre-vious evening in apparent good health. A ver-dict in accordance with the above facts was rea-

THE OPERA - A full house received with great favor last evening Parodi's Norma. We have already spoken of our general impression of her rendering of this rôle. It is drawn with broad, full strokes, and we thought we could recognize in this performance also, that greater softness which improved the Lucretia on Saturday evening. But this subdued tone can only be achieved by Parodi after determined study-nor then will it wear the resistless grace of nature. She must always be impressive in the bold masses of her parts. Her undoubted force and dramatic ability ensure that But we cannot escape a feeling o want of genuineness in her acting. It is well done-but done directly at the audience. It is still melo-drama-not perfect art. She seems, however, to gain in public favor. The audiences have latterly been fuller and more sincerely enthusiastic. We observed that Manager Martezek was not upon his throne, and learned that he had gone to Philadelphia. "Truly," as a friend sympathetically sighed-"it is better to be an Editor than a Manager."

Fines-Dec. 9, 51 A M .- In engine room o Moses & Layaru's distillery, 246 Washington-st-

Damage very trifling. -Dec. 9, 34 P.M.-A fire was discovered in the arge double store, 75 and 80 Broad-st, nearly opposite South-William st. The store was four stories high and very deep, connecting with another in the rear on Marketfield st. The premises were occupied by D. M. Wilson & Co. extensive dealers in iron; their store took up the whole of the first floor of all the buildings. Wm. S. H. New man, Commission Merchant, occupied a portion o No. 80: Enton & Brothers, Commission Mer chants were in No. 78: and all the upper stories were occupied for storage by J. A. Durkee & Co These lofts were filled with Cotton, but how much there was in we were unable to ascertain-some said 1,500 bales, and some higher numbers up to 5,000. It is likely that the amount was under 2 000 bales-perhaps less than 1,500. This was all destroyed. The iron was of course greatly damaged; the store being entirely destroyed, and the walls prostrated. The fire was one of the fiercest that we have seen; water, of which there was enough to put out Vesuvius, had no power to save the store or any portion of the stock. The firemen never worked harder, and by their tremendons exertions the City was saved from a most disastrous[conflagration. The adjoining stores were in imminent danger, but the firemen were all around and all was saved. The store No. 76 is occupied by John Acosta and Aguire & Galway, wholesale merchants. They suffered very little. No. 82 is occupied by Sculter, Symington & Robinson, The odore Perry & Co. and Alphonze Forbes, all commission merchants; these firms suffered much from water, and the rear of the store was slightly damaged by fire. We have no detail of the insurances, but it is generally understood that they were sufficient to cover the loss. The loss may be from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The immense volume of smoke which came from the cotton filled all the Eastern part of the City, and, near the fire, proved a great hindrance to the firemen. We noticed the Chief of Police and his forces, and a number of Aldermen and prominent merchants ready for combat with the destructive

FIREMAN STABBED .- John Muldoan of No. 17 City Hall place, a fireman, member of Engine Co. No. 21, while returning from the Broad-st fire with his Company, was dangerously stabbed in the left side by a knife. He received a blow which split one of the ribs and made a very serious He was immediately taken to the City Hospital by his brother firemen, where the wound was dressed, and he was then taken home. The occurrence happened in Duane-st. near Elm. Two Frenchmen were arrested by the firemen, one of whom must have inflicted the wound. They are in the Tombs, and refuse to tell their names. As far as we can learn, there was no provocation.

We have barely room to state that there was a great gathering at the Tabernacle last night under the auspices of the American and Foreign Christian Union.

Our firemen, especially of Empire Co. No 49, desire to express their thanks to Major Letson of the Washington Hotel, and other persons in the vicinity of the Broad st. fire, for ample refreshments furnished when most needed.

[Communicated ]

HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS-DONATION VISIT -"He that givets unto the poor shall not lack; but he that hides his eyes shall have many a curse."-Prov. xxviii, 27. The Managers of the House of Industry and Home for the Friendless, on East Thirtieth-st.—as will be seen by their notice in another column—have chosen Thanksgiving Day for their Annual Donation visit to this useful fristitution. It must take considerable, in the provision line, to feed an av-erage family of one hundred adults and children, and we ere glad to learn that our citizens remembered them so Berally the last season. It should be borne in mind that a small amount from individuals, that would be little felt, may create a large supply in the aggregate. We are informed hat some of the Managers will be in attendance at the Home from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Thursday next, will be happy to wait an all present and former donors to the Institution—especially he latter, that they may bear due testimony to them of gratitude for past favors. Should readers blessed with large means decide on their duty with the tex above quoted before them, they might perhaps be induced make an investment that would pay fourfold. Another to make an investment that would pay fourfold. Another message from Heaven, equally worthy their notice, and specially appropriate for a Thanksylving occasion, is the following—(See Nehemiah vili, 10). "Go thy way; eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions to them for

## whom nothing is prepared."

A CHANCE TO GET RICH .- Mr. Barnum Adver ises in another column to dispose of his interest in some nost valuable copper mines in Connecticut. This is a val nable chance for investment on the part of those who have nterprise and desire to become rich

Jenny Lind having left us, fashionable society will have recourse to other means of divertisements and amusement. The most seasonable is that of Evening Parties. We would say to such as need assistance in the Parties. We would say to such as need assistant on the line, that George L Downing will give his entire attention to the same this Winter. All the necessary furniture for parties will be farmshed by him, such as crockery, glass, stiver, lights, music and contectionery. We would partie, ularly recommend his ice-creams and chariotte russe; they are of his own manufacturing, and are made, as he says with less regard to immediate profit than to produce the best furnished in the City;" he hopes to realize his profits w the increased demand for them and other necessaries He will be found at his father's, 3 Broad-st.

ELECTRICAL PSYCHOLOGY .- Dr. Dods, well known as a philosophic and interesting lecturer, is, by his new discoveries in Psychology, making quite a silr at Clinton Hall. His experiments upon several individuals last evening were very curious, and particularly upon Mr Alexander, one of the Sons of Temperance. seemed to make him believe that he was John B. Gough-He spoke eloquently, and sung a Temperance song, his own surprise, and causing roars of laughter. Dr Dods lectures every night this week

A SHOP OF THE RIGHT SORT .- The Journeymen Tailors' Cooperative Union, at 134 Nassautat, employ from 20 to 30 men, all of whom are shareholders in the con-cern. Their work we believe to be unsurpassed for fashion and quality, while the prices are exceedingly low. They have extensive patronage now; but we trust that they will acquire new customers until they are obliged to employ a hundred men at least.

NIBLO'S .- Mazulm, played this evening for the second time, is the best of the Ravels'.

EARLY CLOSING .- A meeting of Greenwich-st. Dry Goods Clerks was held on the 5th instant, when they resolved to recommend employers to close stores at 7 P. M. after the 2d January, and at 8 P. M. after the 1st of April. They propose to call a public meeting soon, to advance the object.

Goods for the World's Fair -- Persons having goods to be forwarded to London for the Great Exhibition will know where to stow them from the following letter:

Size: In reply to your letter of the 30th November ultimo you are informed that Capiain Salter has this day been in structed to receive, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, under his command, all such articles as may be set there from time to time, to be forwarded to the London Indiastrial Exhibition, and place them where they will be secure and not exposed to the weather.

ie wesiher.
Lam, respectfully, your obedient servant,
WM. A. GRAHAM.
G. KENNEDY, Est., Secretary Executive Com-

MERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The Managers held their monthly meeting on Thursday last, Hon. William Jay presiding. Five new societies were recognized as anxiliary; one in New-York, one in New-York, one in New-York, one in New-Green, one in California, at Stockton. Letters were presented from different parts of our own country, from Ceylon, and from China. An interesting report was read by Rev. Dr. Turner, from the Committee on Versions, expressing the views of the Committee at length as to the various terms proposed for translating the word God and Spirit in the new Chinese version. The report was adopted and ordered to be printed, and and spirit in the new Chinese version. The re-port was adopted and ordered to be printed, and copies sent to the British and Foreign Bible Soci-ety. Other topics of importance were taken up and discussed, which made the session of more than ordinary length.

CESSUS .- The population of the EleventhWard as ascertained by the late census, is 43,772. number of inhabitants in 1845 was 27,259; the in crease, therefore, in five years is 16,513. We have now the returns from all the Wards in the City but three—the Third, Pitteenth and Sixteenth The aggregate population of those Wards in which the enumeration is completed is 430,135. The three Wards to be heard from in 1845 had 71,672 inhabitants. If they number as many now, the population of the City will be 510,807. The Third and Fifth Wards will show a large increase; the Sixteenth Ward has been divided since 1845. There is a fair show for at least 510,000. There is a fair show for at least 510,000

MR. EDITOR: At an Election for Brigadier General in the First Brigade New-York State Mi fitta, held at the Mercer House on Monday, this inst. the very meritorious officer commanding the Third Regiment (Hussars) was not elected Briga-

Third Regiment (Hussars) was not elected briga-dier-General, notwithstanding his having, by his own unaided efforts, raised and equipped said Re-giment—but a majority of the officers of the First Brigade (namely, by a vote of 6 to 4,) elected to said office Col. Chas. B. Spicer, of the Second Re-giment, one whom all likewise respect and honor. AN OFFICE.

ARREST OF A FORGER -- Capt. Leonard of the Second Ward Police yesterday arrested a mamed Wm. Henry, charged with forging sun orders for Stationery, Jewelry, &c. It appeared in evidence that yesterday morning a lad named Thos. Kenney whose parents reside at 9 Frankfort-st. called at the store of Arthur & Bennett, Stationers, of 61 Wall st. and presented an order for a ream of letter paper, a gold pencil case &c. with the forged name of Geo. W. Dilks Tax Commissioners office signed to it; the firm supposing the order to be genuine, filled it and handed the lad the articles. The same boy soon after called at the Jewelry Store of Mr. B. Tennanded the fat the articles. The same boy soon after called at the Jowelry Store of Mr. it. Tenney in Broadway, and presented an order for a gold watch, pencil case, pen, locket, &c. with the name of Walter Greenough forged to the order. The clerk was too wide awake for him this time, and suspecting that the order was not genuine, questioned the boy closely who stated that Henry the accused gave him the order. The Chief of the Police was then notified of the affair and the mat ter was placed by him in the hands of Capt Leonard to investigate. A parcel about the size-that the articles ordered would make was then prepared and given to the boy who went with it directly to Fulton st. and when near the office of the New York Sun gave it to the accused, who was immediately arrested by the officer and locked in the office of the Chief of Police. It was then ascertained that the boy had on the 9th of last month presented a similar order for stationery with the forged name of Jas. Harper signed to it, to Anthony & Root of 7 Nassau-at, and obtained from them the articles therein named. Other persons are supposed to have been served in a similar manner by the accused and his boy. The persons are supposed to have been served in a similar manner by the accused and his boy. The latter was held as a witness against Henry

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT .- Rich'd M. Chap CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.—Rich d M. Chap-man, an Englishman, for the past year a cierk in the store of E. Evans, 67 Catherine-st was yes-terday arrested by Constable Joseph of the Fourth Ward, charged with having, during the period of his cierkship in the store, embezzled about \$1,000 in money. Mr. E. has for some time past sus-pected the accused, and a few days since em-ployed the officer to watch his movements, and yesterday morning the officer observed Chapman going into the Bowery Savings Bank, as he sup-posed, to make a deposit. Immediately on Chapgoing into the Bowery Savings Bank, as he sup-posed, to make a deposit. Immediately on Chap-man's leaving the Bank, he went in and ascer-tained that he had upward of \$250 there deposited. He then arrested the accused, and on searching his trunk a considerable amount of gold and silver, beside Bank bills, was found, which the accused confessed to be the property of his employer. He was taken before Justice Osborne and committed for trial.

sengers who sailed in the packet ship Guy Mannering, for Liverpool, we notice the name of Rev. T. N. Mullen, a Catholic clergyman, who recently intends to bring a large number of his countr to settle as soon as preparations can be made in Ireland for their departure to America.

ARREST FOR FORGERY .- Officer Magnes of the ARREST FOR FORGERY.—Officer Magnes of the lower police Coart, yesterday arrested Timothy H. Main, charged with the commission of a forgery. It appears that in 1849 the accused was proceeded against in the Supreme Coart of this State, by Joseph Clark of Albany, for the purpose of recevering a balance claimed by him from Main. The matter was left to a reterree, before whom the accused appeared, and presented the following note or memorandum:

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JULY 27, 1848.

Due T. H. Main, twenty-five thousand six hundred and finy-one, 82 100 colls, for money had and received, in which the sunf I have sent him since April 12th, is to be deducted from the amount. (Signed) JOS, CLARK.

Mr. Clark admits that the signature is genuine, but alledges that the document above his name is a lorgery. He supposes that a letter of his has been obtained and the body of it offaced, and re-filled with the above note. The accused was committed to prison by Justice Osborne to await

CHILD SUFFOCATED .- An inquest was held yesterday at No. 167 Church'st, upon the body of a male infant but a few days old, named Wm. Laws, who yesterday morning died in its mother's arms, having been accidentally suffocated by the clothing upon the bed. Verdict accordingly.

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Board of Aldermen. ADJOURNED MEETING ... MONDAY, Dec. 9, 1850

Present—Moncax Mongass, Esq. President;
Ald Griffin Dodge, Wood, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, Smin,
Ball, Haws, Miller, Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater and
Franklin.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By Ald. Haws, Petition of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, or alteration to be made in their House, which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

By Ald, Britton, Petition of Wm. H. Osaley, to be appointed a Commissioner of Deeda, which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of Jeremish Towle and Wilson G. Hunt as Commissioners, and John H. Riker, Inspector of Common Schools of the 12th Ward, which was accepted. Ald. Shaw presented the following resolutions, which

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Resolved, That William H. Etting and Elista Morrill be, and they are breely, appointed Commissioners of Common Schools for the Twelfth Ward, to supply the vacancies now existing by the legal termination of the offices of the late Commissioners, Wilson G. Hunt and Jeremiah Towle.

Received. That Hekson W. Field be, and he is hereby, appointed Inspector of Common Schools for the Twelfth Ward, to supply the vacancy now existing by the legal remination of the office of the late Inspector. John H. Riker, Resolved, That James S. Breath and Frederick W. Lemberson be and they are hereby, appointed Trustees of Common Schools for the Twelfth Ward, to supply the vacancies now existing by the legal termination of the offices of the late Trustees, O. W. Morris and J. Fowler, Jr.

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\*\*Freeded, That the crosswalk at the intersection of Leonrd and Center-sta, be raised and relaid, under the direcco of the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies, togethr with so much of the carriage-way as may be necessary.

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Resolved, That the crosswalk across Washington-st.
South side of Barclay-st; also, across Greenwich-st.

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The Committee on Salaries and Offices presented a re-ort in favor of increasing the salaries of the two clerks in he Rureau of the Register of Water Rents, from \$500 to \$50 per annum. Aid Miller moved to amend, by striking at of the resolution accompanying the report, \$500, and ascring in lieu thereof, \$700—which was lost on a divi-tion, viz. Administr.—Aid Kelly, the President, Aid Jalier and Delamater.—1. Negative—Aid Griffin, Wood balloy Charmer Sent Units. the report and resolution, as submitted by the Committee, and the same was then adopted on a division, viz. Afternative—Aid. Griffin, Wood, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Aid. Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater and Frankfin—15.

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The Committee on Sewers presented a report in favor in the constructing a Sewer in Prince-at from Marion to Crushy-st, with an Ordinance therefor, which was adopted on a division, viz. Afternative—Add. Griffin, Wood, Oakiey, Clapman, Kelly, the President Aid. Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater and Franklin—15.

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which was adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented a report adverse to
the Petition of B. McFarland for an erroneous payment of
nonles, which was adopted.

The Committee on Sewers presented a report in favor of
constructing a sewer in Sathest, from 6th to 8th ava. with an
ordinance therefor, which was adopted on division, viz.

iffirmative—Ald, Griffin, Wood, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly,
the President, Aid. Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard,
Britton, Defamete, Franklin.

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PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ASSISTANTS.

A report of the Finance Committee, in favor of reduce personal fax of Thomas Raymond. Referred to Commit.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

A report of the Committee on Streets, recommending a concurrence with the Board of Aldermen in the adoption of the resolution to appoint commissioners to revise the grade Cf streets and avenues in the upper part of the city, was returned by said Board with a slight amendment thereto, and as amended, concurred in. Aid. Franklin moved its reference to the Committee on Streets, which was carried on a division, viz. Afternation—Aid. Wood, Oakiey, the President, Ald. Shaw. Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater, Franklin nt, Ald. Shaw, Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater, Franklin d. Negatics—Ald. Orldin, Chapman, Kelly, Haws, Mil-

let—5.

A Report of the Committee on Streets in favor of regulating, paving and flagging and setting curb and gutter stones in Broadway and 761-av, between 420 and 46th sts.; also, for regulate and macadamize Broadway from 51st to 50th sts. with resolution and ordinance therefor. Referred to Committee on Streets

A Report of the Committee on Roads, in favor of regulating and grading 55th-st, between the 3d and 5th avs with an ordinance. Referred to Committee on Roads.

A Report of the Committee on Roads, in favor of filling sunken lots between 36th and 31st sts. 4th and Madison avs. and forcing the same, with an ordinance. Referred to the Committee on Roads.

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A Report of the Committee on Streets, recommending a concurrence with the Board of Aldermen in the adoption of a resolution to fence vacant lot \$44 60b-st, and submitting for adoption an ordinance for the same—which was concurred in on a division, viz. Afternative—Add. Griffin, Wood, Oakley, Chapmani, Kelly, the President, Add. Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Gook, Bard, Britton, Delamater and Frank-lim—15.

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A Report of the Committee on Streets, in favor of fencing racent tots on 5th and 10th six with an ordinance. Referred to Committee on Streets.

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A Report of the Committee on Streets, recommending a concurrence with the Board of Aldermen, in the adoption of the resolution to regulate, &c. South at, from Roostveltsst, to Catheriness 1 with an ordinance therefor, which was concurred in on a division, viz. Affirmative—Aid. Griffin, Wood, Outley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Aid. Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater and Franklin—1.

ranklin—15.

A Report of the Committee on Lamps and Gas in favor rlighting 17th at between 6th and 6th av and White and ranklin sis cast of Broadway with Gas. Referred to Com-ittee on Lamps and Gas. A report of the Committee on Law Department, in favor of confirming the following ascessment lists, and appointing August Sanford Collector therefor, viz.

Assessment list for a sewer in Broadway from Springest.

Assessment list for republish

t for regulating and grading 15th st be-and Bloomingdale Road, for regulating and grading 45th st. from Road to the 5th av.

Assessment has for regulating and grading 49th-at, from 6 Bloomingdale Road to the 6th-av.
Assessment has for flagting ableweek on the west side Rutigers ally between Watering South ass.
Assessment has for sever built in Beach-at from 75 leet as of Hudson-at to the aswar in Hubert-at.
Assessment has for regulating and grading 4kd-at from -av. to Hudson-Biver, and switning curb and gitter stones rein also, for naving the same from 5th-av. to Hudson Creating the sidewalks hereof from 5th-av. to Hudson & River.

Areer, uses ment list for diagging sidewa k on the westerly of 5th av. between 16th and 16th sts, uses ment list for diagging sidewals in 26th and 27th sts. for building a sewer in 30th-st from the

seesanent flat for building a sewer in Washington-es from the westerly line of Mercer-st. to Green-st. sseesanent list for building a sever in Avenue A, from feet anoth of the southerly line of 13th-st. to the sewer

Assissment list for regulating 45th-at, between 21 and 3d ares.

Assessment list for sewer built in William at, from Wall-st, to Exchange-place.

Assessment list for paying the 7th-av, from 30th to 40d sits, which were severally confirmed on a division, viz. Affirmative—Aid, Griffin, Wood, Oaklov, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Aid, Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Gook, Baril, Britton, Delamater and Franklin—15.

A report of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aidermen in favor of inviling the Members, elect of the next Legislature to visit the City of New-York and its institutions, and moreoncurred in by Board of Assistant Aidermen, Dec. 3, 1859—The former action of this Board aithered to."

Aid, Funklin moved that a Conference Committee be ap-pointed on the subject, which was carried. Whereupon the Presedent appointed Aid, Briton, Chapman and Oak-ley said Committee on the part of this Board, and the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Assistants to apcini a similar Committee.

A resolution, that the Controller be directed to delay acoust a resolution, massed the Common Council at the last resion authorizing from to lease Gonverneur Market for a run of five years until the further order of the Common ouncil, which was concurred in.

A pention of the Trustoes of the Fifteenth Presbyter an hurch for gas lamps in front of their church edition—Reerret to Committee on Lamps and that the Commissioner of treets and Lamps cause the same to be done without dety, which was concurred in.

Streets and Latings cause me same as we use of which is, which was concurred in.

A resolution that the east side of the 4th avenue from 6th street to 16th street be Blitted with gas, and that the Commissioner of Streets and Lamps cause the same to be done

lihout delay, which was concurred in.
A resolution that but street from Avenue C to Avenue D,
repaired, and that the Commissioner of Repairs and
applies cause the same to be carried into effect, which was
neurred in. concurred in.

A resolution that Ebenezer H. Brown be appointed school Trustee of Public Schools in 17th Ward, in place of saac Dayton, removed from the Ward, which was concur-

A resolution that the Liberty Pole at the corner of Cherry and Gouverneur ats, now in a very delapitated condition be smoved immediately under the direction of the Commissioner of Repairs and Supples, which was concarred in. A resolution that Sixth at from Avenue B to Lewis-st. be chied with gas, and that the Commissioner of Streets and amps cause the same to be carried into effect, which was concurred in.

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FROM DEPARTMENTS.

A Communication was received from the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies, with a resolution appropriating \$217 for enlarging and making alterations to House of Engine Co. 32, and Hose Co. 22, which was adopted on a division, viz. Affirmatice—Ald, Griffin, Dodge, Wood, Oak, ev. Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald, Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw. Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater, Franklin, —16.

A Communication was received from the Street Commis-sioner in relation to regulating of Broomest, from the Bow-ery to Center at, with a plan of the elevation of the rail trank in said street, which was referred to the Committee

track in said street, which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Aid. Cook moved that when the Board sijourn it will adourn to meet to morrow. 10th that, at 5 o'clock, P. M. which was carried.

Aid. Wood moved that the Board do now adjourn which was lost on a division, viz. Affirmative—Aid. Wood. Oakley, Clapman, Kelly, Britton, Franklin—6. Nogative—Aid. Griffin, Doorge, the President, Ald. Smith, Haws, Miller Shaw, Cook, Bard, Delamater—10.

Aid. Griffin moved to take up the report of the Finance Committee in favor of remitting Taxes on property of Henry A. Heiser, No. 35 Warren-at. leased by the Corporation for the 1st District Justices Court, which was laid upon the table Nov. 11. 1850, which was carried. He then moved that the same be adopted, which was carried on a division, viz. Affirmative—Aid. Griffin, Dodge, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Aid. Smith, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Britton, and Franklin—13. Negative—Aid. Wood, Delamater—2.

ter-2.
Ald Wood moved that the Board do now adjourn, which was carried on a division, yiz Affirmative—Ald. Griffin, Dodge Wood, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Smith, Miller, Eard, Britton, Delamater, Franklin—12. Negative—Ald. Haws, Shaw, Gook—3.
Whereupen the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until to-morrow, 10th last at 5 o'clock, P. M.
D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

THE FINE ARTS.

The Opera and Musical Prospects.

the world, and is not yet sure of its Opera. In-

New York is one of the half dozen capitals of

evitable failure waits upon the constantly-renew. ed attempt to establish that yet crowning grace of a metropolis. For the last six or more years we have had a tolerably continuous operatic season. attended with occasional explosions, rivalries and dissatisfaction, and with a strong tendency to terraduate every spring in a grand feu de joie of managerial failures, artistic jealousies, and popular discontent, although the satisfactory result of last year's season is a good earnest for the future. The history of New-York Opera might be amus. ing if it were not monotonous, and there must be some reason for this state of things-some fatal misapprehension of times and places in the managerial mind; for no people are so ready as we to acknowledge what is genuine, and to pay roundly and richly for its enjoyment. Ole Bull's fiddlebow was a magical wand, creating gold for him. Fanny Ellsler's foot pointed to an accessible Hi Dorado wherever she chose to lift it; and certainly Jenny Lind has been the fortunate fairy-favored, who attered only pearls and diamonds. In no country is money made and spent so easily and freely as in America, and yet we do not have the best things that money can buy in any depart. ment. We ought to hear Grisi and Alboni and Persiani, and Sontag, and Mario, and Standighl sing. We ought to see Cerito and Carlotta and Rosati dance and feast in New-York upon whatever is fairest and most fascinating in cotemporary art in Paris or London; and this not for a few times, in a cramped and unsatisfactory manner, but with all possible prestige. We are the people to enjoy and to pay for it. New-York is more musical than London, on the whole. The finest )pera and the finest Opera audience in the world are among a people not especially musical. In London, at her Majesty's, which malgré Parisian incredulity is now the royal court of the Opera; it is supported by a class who cultivate it as a luxury, for which Italy and the Italian Opera houses are searched and despoiled of whatever promise they have, and which passes finally upon the merits of a singer or a dancer, without appeal to the Salle Ventadour or the Rue Lepelletier.

Now why is a city of as much, if not more, musical taste, and with ample means to pay for its gratification, forever thwarted in its desire to have a good Opera ! For we cannot regard the Astorplace House, either in its building or in its entertainment, as fully worthy of the city. We wish to be generous to a gentleman of the energy and skill of Mr. Maretzek, but we must be just to the fair claims of the city-our Opera is a second-rate Opera. It is like the native Italian Operas, which are always poor, because any rising star of La Scala or the San Carlo is instantly transferred to shine in the English firmament. It is even better than the Italian Operas, because we have Pa-RODI, who was considered by Lumley's divers a pearl pure enough to bring to the surface. But while the New York Opera is less than the Loadon or the Paris Opera, we have a right to comay plain that it is so, and agitate, like free and independent citizens as we are, until we have one as

The secret of the matter here, as elsewhere, is simply-money. If New-York can pay as much or more than London or Paris, New-York can enjoy as much. And there being no doubt of the ability and inclination to pay, the sole question is, how to base the undertaking broadly enough to succeed.

In Paris the French Opera is supported by the Government at two houses, in one of which French Libretti of Italian Operas are sung. The exclusive Italian Opera was sustained before the Revolution of '48, by the fashion and wealth of the city, and without public aid. Since that time it has been generally closed, but twice opened by Ronconi, who lost a great deal of money by the business. It is just now opened for the third time by Lumley, the Manager of Her Majesty's in London, and receives ample aid from Government. In Berlin and St. Petersburg the Opera is supported by the Government, as it is in Vicana and Naples. In London, we believe, but are not quite sure, Her Majesty's receives private subsidies from the public purse, while the Royal Italvan Opera at Covent Garden is a private specula. tion, sometimes succeeding in raining the lessee very rapidly, as in the case of Mr. Delafield, reently bankrupt to an enormous amount.

In addition to this source of support, the chief Operas abroad are under the patronage of the Nobility-a permanently fashionable and wealthy class. One glunce at these facts shows clearly enough that dependence is not solely placed upon private musical taste or resources. The consent of long habit and the surviving musical taste which originally invented and supported the Opera, justify the government in such assistance But we cannot hope for similar governmental aid in this country. The Opera is regarded, politically, if we may say so, as a luxury, a view of the case, which is as true abroad, but which does not occur to the popular mind there, because foreign governments love and always have aided and abetted

As we cannot look to the government neither

can we hope from what is called Fashion, the adequate support of an Opera. We want only the experience of a few past years to show that fact as clearly as it can be demonstrated. The truth is, that in New-York, although there is a permanent class called fashionable, yet its materials are constantly changing. As the City is perpetually recruiting from the country, so the more fashious ble quarters of the City recruit from the quarters less fashionable. The East gradually moves toward the West and North. The world beyond the Bowery arrives, vid successful speculations in silks. stocks or sausages, in the vicinity of Blooming dale. The grand-children spend the fortune of the grand-parents. The fashion of vesterday is forgot ten to-morrow, and so the perpetual change goes on which keeps us all alive. We are upt, however, to overlook this spirit, and because London and Paris are only a fortnight away, to fancy that, on the whole, society is very much the same thing here as there. So far as the Polka is concerned, that is a harmless delusion. But if a man proposes individual success, or the foundation of a permanent social Institution, he must accurately appreciate the ensential differences between New-York and Paris or London.

The Fine Arts must be made popular among us or they cannot live here. Everything must be done democratically in this country, if it looks to popular support. This is our advantage as much as our disadvantage. The Art-Union illustrates it in one way by its growing success, and the Opera shows it in the other way, by its constant failure. For we love money and count the cents, except when we can buy the best. And even to the price of the best there must be a limit. We did not gradge three dollars to hear Jenny Lind: but we look long at the two and a half dollars for Parodi. Yet, without doubt, Jenny Lind would always have filled the Opera House at \$4, even with a strict exclusion of dead-heads, as long as she crowded Tripler Hall.

The whole thing, therefore, becomes as easy as making an immense fortune by Jenny Lind's singing. There was a golden harvest waiting to be reaped, crying aloud to all Yankses, " Take me," as the pudding-bellied pig cried " Eat me" to the